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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: STRIKE FOLLOWS RENEWED UNREST AT WESTERN DEEP LEVELS

GOLD MINE

REF: DURBAN 0087

1. TENSION THROUGHOUT MONDAY, MARCH 3 FOLLOWING MURDER PREVIOUS EVENING OF XHOSE MINE WORKER AT ANGLO-AMERICAN'S WESTERN DEEP LEVELS GOLD MINE NEAR CARLTONVILLE ERUPTED IN HOUR OF INTER-TRIBAL VIOLENCE EARLY MONDAY EVENING WHICH LEFT 3 DEAD AND SEVERAL INJURED BEFORE POLICE USING TEAR GAS WERE ABLE TO RESTORE ORDER.

2. MORNING OF MARCH 4 ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF MINE'S APPROXIMATELY 5,000 BLACK WORKERS REFUSED TO REPORT FOR WORK IN PROTEST AGAINST VIOLENCE AND MINE MANAGEMENT NOW ATTEMPTING TO GET THEM BACK ON

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JOB WITH PROMISE TO PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTION IN FUTURE.

3. IN MEANTIME IN WAKE OF WEEKEND VIOLENCE IN NATAL COAL MINES REPORTED REFTEL MINES MINISTER KOORNHOF HAS ANNOUNCED SAG'S INTENTION TO APPOINT INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY WHOSE TERMS OF REFERENCE WILL BE TO DETERMINE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF RIOTS AND TO RECOMMEND MEASURES TO PREVENT THEM.

4. IRONICALLY, ONLY TWO WEEKS AGO KOORNHOF WAS TELLING OPPOSITION CRITICS IN PARLIAMENT THAT, IN VIEW OF SOUTH AFRICA'S RECORD OF PEACE IN LABOR FIELD, HE SAW NO NEED OR JUSTIFICATION WHATSOEVER FOR UNITED PARTY-PROPOSED MINE LABOR COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.
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